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ACCUSED ASKS TO BE JAILED FOR MURDER

Court drama unfolds as killer launches another outburst

BEN Blakeley asked to be sentenced for the murder of Jayden Parkinson during another outburst at Oxford Crown Court yesterday.

The 22-year-old from Christchurch Road, Reading, was accused by prosecutor Richard Latham QC of punching 17-year-old Jayden before killing her near Upton.

"I swear on the ***** Bible that I didn't punch Jayden," Blakeley told the jury.

"I will take the sentence for murder."

"I will do a deal with the CPS, I will take the years for murder."

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At the start of the trial Blakeley pleaded guilty to manslaughter but denied murder.

Mr Latham asked Blakeley if he wanted to change his plea, an offer Blakeley then rejected.

Blakeley previously told the jury he accidentally killed Jayden when he grabbed her around the throat, which led to her falling from a footbridge in the countryside, on December 3 last year.

A jury heard last Thursday that

Jayden was buried in a field on December 5 before her body was dug up and reburied in the Didcot graveyard on December 9.

Yesterday morning the jury went on a site visit to the location where Jayden was killed, before returning to court in the afternoon.

Blakeley told Mr Latham yesterday: "The very first thing you said to me was that I was a cold callous killer."

"I think about that night every day. I see it in my dreams."

"That does not make me callous, it makes me smart."

"I have met real killers and I

am not like them."

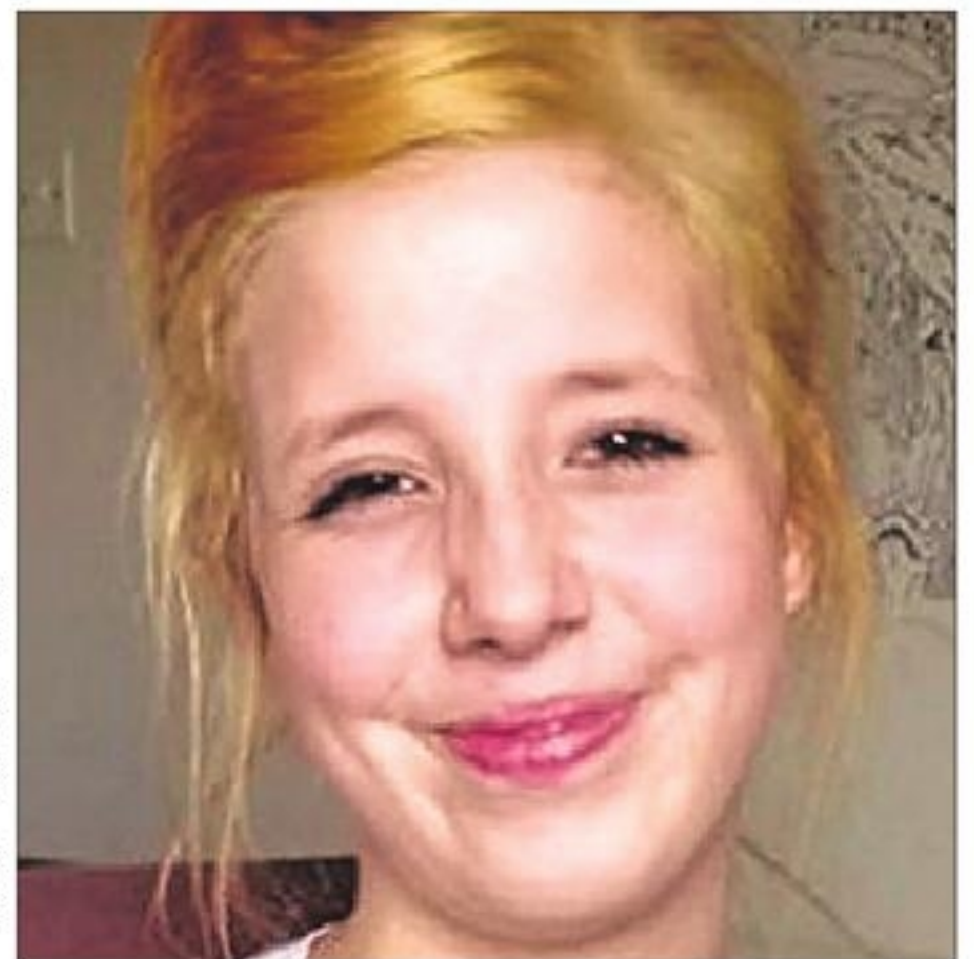
Blakeley denied planning to burn Jayden's body and said the petrol he asked ex-girlfriend Sarah Rees for, was intended to destroy his clothing.

A post-mortem into Jayden's death revealed she died from pressure to the neck.

Jayden was found in a grave at All Saints' Church in Didcot on December 11 over a week after she went missing.

A 17-year-old, who cannot be named, admits perverting the course of justice but denies preventing a lawful burial.

The trial continues.



• Didcot teenager Jayden Parkinson



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£108m cash boost for county projects

OXFORDSHIRE has been given £108.6million of government funding for projects across the county, it was announced on Monday.

Money from the Oxfordshire Growth Deal will be invested in flood prevention schemes as well as transport projects for roads, parking and cycling networks.

It is hoped the deal will create up to 5,700 jobs, allow more than 4,000 homes to be built and generate £100m in public and private investment.

It has been given to the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and is part of

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£12bn of funding that has been awarded nationally.

Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron said: "Growth Deals are a crucial part of our long-term plan to secure Britain's future."

"By trusting local people, backing business and investing in infrastructure, skills and housing, we can create thousands of new jobs."

"And that means more economic security, peace of mind

and a brighter future for hard-working people across Oxfordshire."

The funding comes after £1.2bn was awarded as part of the Oxford City Deal back in January.

Adrian Shooter, chairman of Oxfordshire LEP, said: "We are delighted with the government's continued support of Oxfordshire's growth ambition, building on the recently agreed innovation led City Deal."

"This funding will enable the delivery of more than 4,000 homes, supporting 5,700 new jobs in Oxfordshire and is the start

of an ongoing programme for growth to 2020 and beyond."

Around £15.7m of funding has been confirmed for the first year, with a further £92.9m being delivered from 2016 onwards.

Ian Hudspeth, leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "The government has shown its commitment to Oxfordshire's ambition to be a global leader in science and technology."

"I am particularly pleased that £35m has been committed to the continued development of the 'science transit' public transport links between major research establishments, and the much-needed improvements to the A40."

"This will massively improve transport connections within the county and encourage science and technology companies to invest in Oxfordshire."

The majority of the money will be allocated to reducing the risk of flooding.

It will help fund an upstream flood storage scheme at Northway, and give a £26m boost to see a £125m Western Conveyance Channel built diverting floodwater south-west of the city.

Money will be used in Headington on road improvements, ahead of a biosciences building set up at Oxford University Old Road campus - a system which helps small bioscience and medical companies share technology and expertise.

Cycle paths will be improved around Didcot from the station for Science Vale to use bikes from the train station.

And a pedestrian/cycle crossing will be installed on London Road in Bicester, which it is hoped will alleviate congestion in the area.

Provisional allocations have also been awarded to a new engineering and technology centre in collaboration with Abingdon and Witney College, and to the Oxford Science Transit Scheme to expand public transport across the county.



• Flooding at Abingdon Road in January and (inset) David Cameron and Ian Hudspeth

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Strikes ahead

OXON: Firefighters in the county are set to strike for eight days from next Monday over pensions.

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has staged a number of strikes in recent weeks, but this will be the longest to date.

Oxfordshire's firefighters are set to join officers across England and Wales in the strike.

They are unhappy about proposals that they should work until the age of 60, instead of the current retirement age of 55.

Firefighters have been contesting the changes for three years.

Dementia aware

OXFORD: The son of Thunderbirds creator Gerry Anderson is hosting a one-hour Dementia awareness session at Keble College on July 20.

Jamie Anderson is hosting the event following the death of his dad Gerry in December 2012, who suffered with Alzheimer's disease and Vascular Dementia in later life.

The session will provide an introduction to what dementia is, and how to help those living with it.

It starts at 6.30pm at the Parks Road college.

For more details, go to dementiafriends.co.uk.

Shock attack

OXFORD: A 20-year-old man lost his tooth after he was attacked by four men in Oxpens Road during the early hours of Sunday morning.

Shortly before 4.15am, a man was walking near the ice rink when he was approached from behind and assaulted by the men who walked off towards Abingdon Road.

One of the men is described as Asian and believed to be in his early 20s.

Detective Sergeant Simon Hannam, from Oxford Force CID, said: "This was a nasty attack on a man as he walked along Oxpens Road and one which appears to have no motive."

Police are appealing for any witnesses to call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Schools face closure for strike action in county

SCHOOLS in Oxfordshire face disruption as the National Union of Teachers stages a strike today.

A number of schools across the county set to close or partially close today over the pay and pensions strikes.

Oxfordshire County Council has asked schools to inform them of closures in advance, and inform parents directly.

Frances Craven, deputy director for children, education and families at Oxfordshire County Council, said: "Parents have daily routines, including travel, based around their child's day at school as well as their own workplace

commitments.

"We're encouraging schools to give the most timely information possible, directly to pupils and parents, to the county council for the purposes of keeping the website up to date."

"We hope that teachers will appreciate that there is an impact on the lives of people beyond the confines of the school, and provide as much good, solid information about impacts as they can, in advance."

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Gran with strong links to power station might miss demolition



A GRANDMOTHER whose landmark moments in her life were defined by Didcot Power Station fears she could miss the demolition of its cooling towers due to the early timescale.

Helen Lewis, 76, who lives in Dibley's nursing home in Blewbury, wants to see the three Southern towers demolished on July 27 but is worried about the 3am to 5am time period.

Mrs Lewis, who has three children and two grandchildren, has a special connection with the power station.

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Her late husband David worked at the power station during the 1960s and 70s and he sadly passed away last year within weeks of the site being turned off after 42 years in operation in March.

Her daughter Georgina, 48, was born as the power station was being built.

Mrs Lewis said: "We are quite fond of the power station hav-

ing lived in the houses around the area.

"We could see it from wherever we were and if we had been away we would see who would find it first coming home.

"One can't be sentimental about them but I suppose in a way it's part of my life disappearing down a hole."

She added of the early demolition timescale: "It is a bit of a shame because we have lived with it for the best part of 40 years now and we are not going to see it come down unless we

get up awfully early.

"I am 76 now so I would get up and watch, but whether I manage it I don't know."

Mrs Lewis is not on her own in her thoughts - a petition has been sent to energy company RWE npower calling them to delay the demolition until 6am.

The online petition, organised by Didcot resident Christine Reardon, drew in a lot of interest.

More than 2,775 people had signed it as the Oxfordshire

Guardian went to print.

Ms Reardon sent the petition to the CEO of npower Paul Masara on Monday.

In her letter she said the "voice of Didcot residents had been ignored" and the power station towers "are part of our heritage".

Spokesperson Kelly Brown confirmed npower had received the petition.

But on Tuesday night she confirmed no changes to the time of the demolition have been made.

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Train delays

DIDCOT: Commuters are being warned to expect delays while making journeys in and out of London at the beginning of next month.

Network Rail plan to carry out signalling works and prepare lines for electrification between Swindon and Didcot Parkway on August 2 and 3.

The line will be closed across the two days and services between London Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads as well as to South Wales will run via an alternative route.

Replacement bus services will also be in operation between Reading, Didcot Parkway and Swindon.

Town fair

DIDCOT: The town's fair takes place on July 19 in Edmonds Park with craft and food stalls, performances, a dog show and live music on offer.

Didcot Town Council held its first fair last year and hope to make the second bigger and better with music in the park between 6pm and 9pm.

A baking competition will also challenge the town's talented chefs to cook culinary treats at the event.

Kids train day

DIDCOT: Children can have a fun day out at Didcot Railway Centre this Sunday and get in for free if they bring a teddy bear.

The centre is hosting a teddy bear display and a railway themed teddy trail alongside children's activities and crafts.

A class 14 diesel D9516, the centre's newest locomotive, will also be unveiled.

Charity leader loses battle against cancer

TRIBUTES have been paid to a "truly inspirational" woman who was the "driving force" behind a Didcot military charity.

Holly Davies, the chief executive of the Felix Fund, passed away on June 27 from cancer.

Trustees of the Foxhall Road based charity, which offers support to military personnel at Vauxhall Barracks, announced Ms Davies' death on June 30.

In a tribute on the charity's website, trustees said she pur-

sued her vision "armed with persuasiveness, tenacity and dogged determination".

It said: "It is rare to find an individual who, in such a short life, can be considered truly inspirational - Holly is one of those people and we forever remain in her debt.

"Her boundless enthusiasm, commitment and selflessness have set a bar few will match."

Town councillor Axel MacDonald, who chose the Felix Fund as

one of his charities while mayor last year, added: "It was quite sudden news.

"She was inspirational in the work she was doing and it is a huge loss for the charity."

Earlier this year, the Felix Fund received a special commendation from the chief of the Defence Staff, General Sir Nick Houghton.

At the time, Ms Davies said she was "thrilled" to accept the award on behalf of the charity.

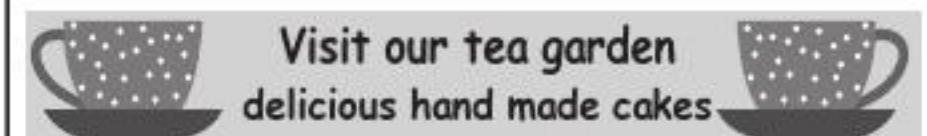


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Charity funds

WANTAGE: Staff and residents at Richmond Retirement Village in Letcombe Regis raised nearly £1,000 for the Alzheimer's Society.

An art exhibition, fashion show, casino night and an operatic society performance were among the events which raised £937 from June 20 to 22.

People found

OXFORD: Two people who went missing from the city in separate incidents have both been found safe and well.

David Goodwin was found in Newport, South Wales, on Saturday, and was taken to hospital to be checked over.

And 17-year-old Rebecca Tremlett was found in the early hours of Monday morning after going missing the previous day.

Nightclub attack

OXFORD: A man was punched in the face in a nightclub after intervening in a fight between two men.

A 20-year-old was on the dance floor in the Lava Ignite nightclub, Park End Street, on June 28 when he was hit in the face between 1.45am and 2.15am, suffering a deep cut to his cheek.

The offender was white, with brown hair and wearing a white round-necked t-shirt.

Witnesses to the incident should call 101.

Shock overhaul at Oxford United

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OXFORD United's future looks to be at the Kassam Stadium after a reshuffle at the top table of the club last week.

A shock overhaul of club management was announced on Friday, July 4.

The new club leaders have revealed a new focus on buying their current home, the Kassam Stadium, rather than building a new one at Water Eaton.

Rumours had been circulating last week of a move away from their Grenoble Road base.

Businessman Darryl Eales has taken over as club chairman from Ian Lenagan - who has owned Oxford United for eight years.

Mr Lenagan is now heading the "Stadium Project" - which could buy the stadium for the club.

He said: "With the radical changes likely in the planning landscape for Oxford in the next 12 months and the opportunity which that could present to Oxford United finally to own its own stadium, it was vital at this crucial time to plan ambi-



• The Kassam Stadium in Grenoble Road and (inset) former United chairman Ian Lenagan

tiously to take advantage of these opportunities or to lose them."

He also said the club has developed "a much better relationship" with Firoz Kassam, who owns the stadium.

Former West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper and director Mark Ashton is the club's new chief executive. Mr Lenagan's sons Simon and Adrian have stepped down from the board, while head coach Gary Waddock has also been a

casualty of the re-shuffle and has been replaced by former Portsmouth boss Michael Appleton.

Speculation was rife that the Lenagan family was going to sell its shares in the club after news of Mr Eales' takeover bid, while a rival approach was made by Oxfordshire businessman Charlie Methven.

Mr Lenagan and Mr Eales now

each have more than 30 per cent of the shares in the club, but both have no more than 50 per cent.

United's new chairman Mr Eales said: "A lot of people talk about ownership of a football club. I prefer to think of my involvement as that of a custodian of Oxford United with long-term intentions and ambitions which I share with the fans."

Big funding pledge for city projects

OXFORD City Council is set to put more than £600,000 into the transformation of Frideswide Square.

The City Executive Board recommended to full council last Thursday to give a capital grant of £670,000 to Oxfordshire County Council towards the £5.5m scheme.

Work to transform Frideswide Square from a set of traffic lights to roundabouts at either end of the square will begin this Autumn.

John Tanner, board member for Transport on the city council, said: "This is an absolutely key project."

"If we get it wrong then it will have an impact on a lot of people."

"We have to make sure we get this right not only for commuters but the people who live and work in the city itself."

At the same meeting £320,000 was agreed towards a redevelopment of Oxpens.

The site has been earmarked for housing, research and development space, offices, a hotel, local facilities and a public open space.

The grants are due to be approved by full council next Monday, July 14.

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Town wi-fi

FARINGDON: People visiting the town centre can now use free public wi-fi in the Market Place.

The service is expected to reach speeds of up to 14Mbps, which is faster than speeds currently available in the town.

Police web tool

OXON: Thames Valley Police has launched a new online virtual neighbourhood tool to provide advice about crime prevention.

Found on the crime prevention section of the Force's website, the tool suggests how to improve security in different property locations.

Sgt Bryan Percival said: "Many of us prefer images and interactivity as we can better relate to them, we learn from them and they can be fun too."

Go to thamesvalley.police.uk for more details.

Music festival

BICESTER: Youngsters in the town are busy preparing for their summer festival, Yardfest, at The Courtyard centre in Bicester tomorrow from 6pm.

Rock group Blitz Kids headline the festival, which includes up-and-coming artists The Hype Theory, Scholars and Shadow.

Now in its second year, the festival raises money for children's charity Make-a-Wish.

4,000-home plans for city to be prepared

OXFORD City Council is to begin preparing a planning application to develop over 4,000 homes on green belt land south of Grenoble Road.

City Executive Board (CEB) members on the council voted in favour of pursuing discussions with landowners at a meeting last Thursday night.

The Grenoble Road site, in South Oxfordshire District Council's (SODC) boundary, has been earmarked to meet Oxford's housing shortage.

The Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment identified a need for 28,000 homes to be built within the city's boundaries by 2031.

City council leader Bob Price said: "This is in preparation for an anticipated planning application, at and when we are able to make one, on the site at Grenoble Road which we have been interested in developing for many years."

"We want to enter into an arrangement to work out what the best is for the site."

Last week's recommendation from the city executive is subject to a report on whether a partnership with current landowners will represent best value.

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Approximately 166 hectares, of which 35 are owned by the city council, is the focus of a 4,000 home development.

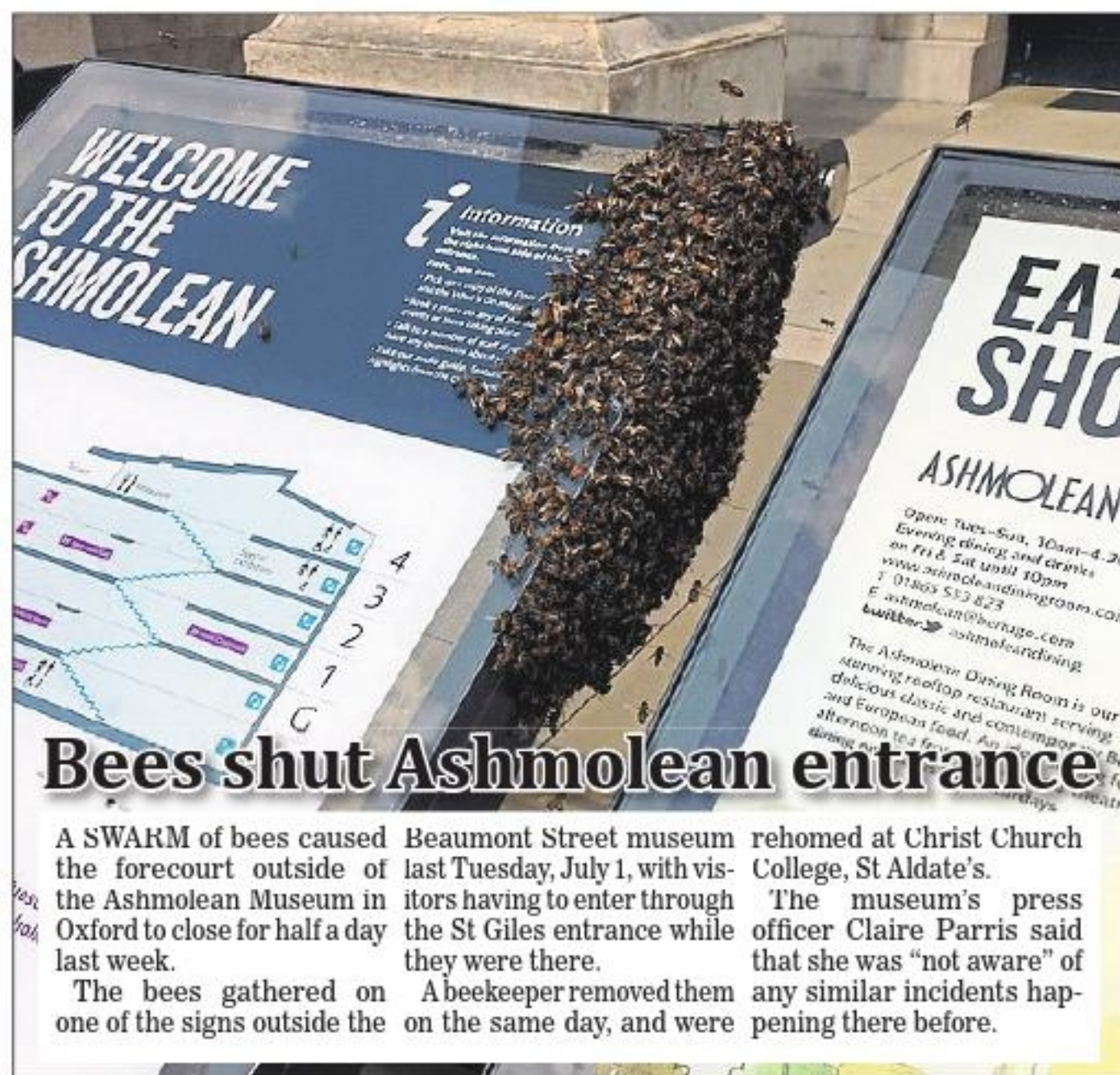
SODC oppose the plans and its cabinet member for planning Angie Paterson told the Oxfordshire Guardian last week that it was "important to remember" the land is in the south of the county.

Oxfordshire's Campaign to Protect Rural England have also opposed the plans.

However, in last week's report the city council notified members that it had "taken preliminary legal advice" and "it is therefore appropriate to explore the options for pursuing development".

The city council will now draft an agreement declaring its interest in the land, which will be subject to the CEB's recommendation.

An agreement would include planning, environmental and transport advice as well as a valuation figure, expected to exceed £0.5m, in promoting the land for development.



Bees shut Ashmolean entrance

A SWARM of bees caused the forecourt outside of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to close for half a day last week.

The bees gathered on one of the signs outside the

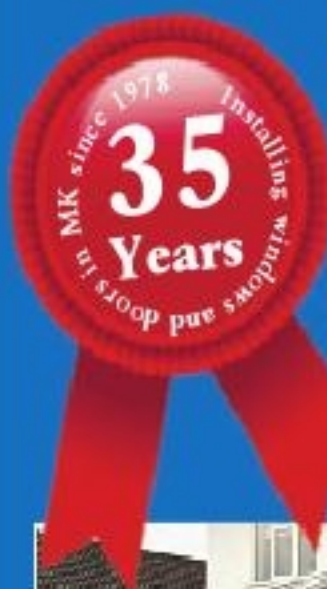
Beaumont Street museum last Tuesday, July 1, with visitors having to enter through the St Giles entrance while they were there.

A beekeeper removed them on the same day, and were

rehomed at Christ Church College, St Aldate's.

The museum's press officer Claire Parris said that she was "not aware" of any similar incidents happening there before.

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New pavilion to get people playing sport

By Adam Flinn

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A STATE-OF-THE-ART changing room pavilion at Grandpont Recreation Ground in Oxford was officially opened on Saturday.

The Grandpont Pavilion, which has cost £730,000 to build, will be used by Hinksey Park FC and help them increase the number of teams they operate.

It features two changing rooms, an officials' room, kitchen area and community room.

Oxford City Council and the football club worked in partnership with the Oxfordshire County FA to obtain a £99,508 grant from the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund for the pavilion.

And it was officially opened by Mark Lygo, council board member for parks, sports and events.

He said: "I am delighted to officially open this pavilion, and I hope that this will be a great asset to the local community."

"By building this facility we are able to expand the sports offer to



• Mark Lygo (third left) opens the pavilion (Picture: David Fleming)

local people and get more people involved in sport."

Jim Smith, chairman at Hinksey Park FC, said: "I am delighted to see the official opening of the brand new Grandpont Pavilion."

"It will be a fantastic facility for the community. The project has been a partnership approach and would have not been possible without city council and the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund."

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund is delivered by the Football Foundation, and has awarded 12,000 grants worth more than £490m towards improving grassroots sport.

Paul Thorogood, chief executive of the Football Foundation, added: "Oxford City Council and Hinksey Park FC deserve huge credit for taking a vision and turning it into reality."

News Bites

Assault charge

OXFORD: A 20-year-old man from Colemans Hill has been charged with two counts of sexual assault of teenage girls.

The man was charged on June 27, and relates to an assault against two girls in Headington on March 19.

He appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on June 28, where he was released on bail to appear at the same court on September 5.

Woman headbutted

OXFORD: A man has been arrested following an assault at the junction of London Road and Windmill Road in Headington.

At around 10am on June 24, a man and woman were seen arguing, where the man was seen to headbutt the woman.

This is believed to have been seen by people at a nearby bus stop. Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

First stage opens

OXFORD: A new play area, exercise studio and offices have been officially opened at Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre.

The first stage of the centre's revamp was opened by Oxford City Councillor Mike Rowley on June 27.

He said: "It will be a great asset to the community and the new soft play area and crèche will be a fantastic resource."

Work on the swimming pool and the pavilion at the site is set to continue.

Firefighters deal with aircraft crash in major training exercise

EMERGENCY services held a training exercise at London Oxford Airport last week, with a mock incident where a light aircraft had collided with a stationary helicopter.

Three fire engines took part in the exercise, where the aircraft had ignited on the runway while four injured people were inside.

Medically-trained firefighters then treated the mock casualties, along with 16 passengers who were in the helicopter.

Kidlington fire station manager Gary D'Anger said: "This was

a major training exercise that really tested the response of all involved.

"It is essential that emergency services have the opportunity to do joint training on mock incidents like the one we carried out at London Oxford Airport."

"It was excellent to see the training come together in this realistic exercise and the successful result really shows how effectively different agencies can work together."

• Firefighters deal with a mock victim as part of training



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Cowley carnival attracts thousands



CROWDS of 45,000 took to the streets of Oxford for the biggest ever Cowley Road Carnival on Sunday.

Dancers and actors led a parade of 700 people to music almost a mile down the road at 2pm from The Plain to the City Arms in Magdalen Road.

Colourful costumes and a high-energy atmosphere drew record-breaking crowds to join the throng.

The carnival, which cost more than £100,000, was 10,000 people bigger than last year.

Organiser Danielle Battigelli said: "The atmosphere has been fantastic, helped by the weather which was perfect."

Ms Battigelli, director of Cowley Road Works charity which runs the carnival, added: "Everyone had a wonderful time."

"I would like to thank

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all the people who made it possible."

The procession of 24 groups was led by Oxford urban street dance group Body Politic and performers from Pegasus Youth Theatre in Magdalen Road.

Among the weird and wonderful sculptures, figures and floats built for the occasion were copies of gargoyles from Oxford's streets and an oversized Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland - in a nod to Alice's Day on Saturday marking the day Lewis Carroll came up with the Alice in Wonderland story in Oxford.

And pupils from Cheney School in Headington paraded their hand-built giant golden polar bear to celebrate the city's author Philip Pullman.

Volunteer Heidi Gastall, a PhD chemistry student from Oxford University's St Anne's College, said: "It has been a really fun day."

"I appreciated getting to see lots of different people from Oxford and all different areas."

"There was a really enjoyable atmosphere, a variety of activities and everyone was really nice."

The doors of 15 venues down Cowley Road propped open staging music including Oxford-based pop singer Nikki Loy.

Highlights on the main Manzil Gardens stage included headliners the Original Rabbit Foot Spasm Band, who got the whole audience on its feet to dance.

While a Body Politic performance inspired by the 1,000 robots in MINI Plant Oxford factory's new bodyshop in Cowley held the attention of hundreds.

Frank Bachmann, managing director of MINI Plant Oxford, said: "Carnival is such a great way of bringing the whole of the local community together."

"We were delighted that the plant was chosen as one of the faces of Oxford - and that our robots proved an inspiration for the street dancers."

Catering assistant Sionio Dos Santos, who was based in Aston Street, said: "It has been great. I have enjoyed the day and met a lot of people from backgrounds."

Ms Battigelli added: "Carnival costs us over £100,000 and I would urge anyone who came and enjoyed the day to help us with a small donation to ensure we can do the same again next year."

For more information or to donate, go to cowleyroadcarnival.co.uk.

• (Left) Carnival scenes and (right) Cheney School's giant golden polar bear celebrating author Philip Pullman (photo by David Turner).



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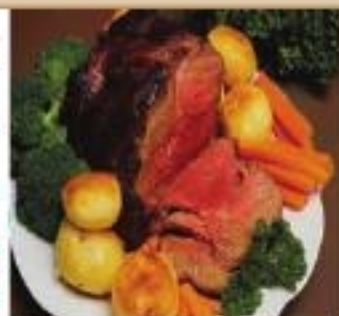
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Stabbing arrest

OXFORD: A 56-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, after a man in his seventies was stabbed in Littlemore.

Police were called to Long Wall in Littlemore at 8.10am last Friday, where they found the victim with stab wounds.

He is stable in hospital.

Cowley attack

OXFORD: A man in his 20s has been taken to hospital after being stabbed outside Blanco in Cowley Road on Sunday night.

Police were called to the incident at 7.56pm.

His injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

Deputy LPA commander Chief Inspector Yvette Hitch said: "This incident follows a very successful Cowley Road Carnival."

No arrests have been made.

Climate change conference

OXFORD: The city is due to host a large conference on energy and climate change on September 4.

The Powering Up conference is run by the government's Department of Energy and Climate Change and renewable energy group OxFutures.

Times and location will be announced at oxfutures.org/powering-up.

£3m cancer centre for Oxfordshire opened

A CANCER charity has finally moved out of its temporary building after eight years and into a brand new £3million tree house-inspired centre.

Maggie's, which provides free practical, emotional and social support to cancer sufferers and their families, upped its roots into a new state-of-the-art building on Tuesday.

The charity has been running from a small temporary centre in the grounds of The Churchill Hospital, on Old Road, since 2006, originally planning to move into a permanent home in 2009.

However, building work began in March last year on a new centre, which was finished on June 23.

"It's absolutely beautiful, it's stunning in its own right, but it is already functioning in the way it was designed to do," said Claire Marriott, centre head for Maggie's Oxford.

The building, designed by architect Flora Gathorne-Hardy, blends into the natural landscape and has three wings built on stilts, allowing separate areas for information, emotional support and relaxation.

Ms Marriott said after years of being limited by space, the charity

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it is now able to offer a more comprehensive programme to cancer sufferers.

"We will be able to do more work with families or couples, be able to host bigger support and network groups, and be much more accessible as we are directly opposite the hospital," she said.

"We are really extending our nutrition programme because we will be able to do cookery demonstrations in our beautiful new kitchen.

"We have got a much bigger space that will allow people to meet with each other more easily."

After spending her first day at the new centre on Tuesday, Ms Marriott said: "It's been amazing."

"We've been able to see the building do exactly what it was designed for; to be full of all kind of emotion, tears, laughter and people affected by cancer coming in and getting the support they need."

Groups and classes at Maggie's are free and to find out more call 01865 751882.

Centre for homeless wins award

A MEDICAL centre in Oxford won a national award for its work helping the city's homeless.

Luther Street Medical Centre cares for 600 homeless people.

It was recognised at the National Association of Patient Participation annual conference in Leeds winning the Highly Commended award and a £250 cheque.

Sheldon Gould, patient facilitator of the centre's patient participation group, said: "I'm delighted our group has been recognised."

"In a time when local budgets and support for homeless people are being slashed, this is proof we are working hard and doing something right."

"Our members turn out to our meetings and give regular feedback and ideas for improvement time and again. This award is thanks to them."

Practice manager Stephen Moore added: "We are a unique surgery in what is seen as an affluent city."



• Sheldon Gould (centre) receives the award for Luther Street Medical Centre

"While many walk away, we are here dealing with some of the most complex medical issues and individuals in society."

"This award recognises even those experiencing homelessness can have a meaningful say on their healthcare and hopefully it will help to remove

some of the stereotypes around homeless people."

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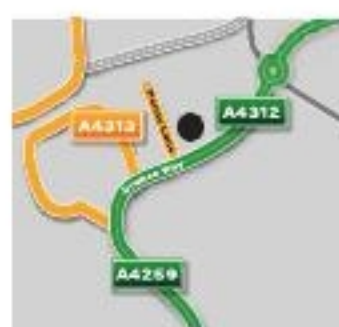
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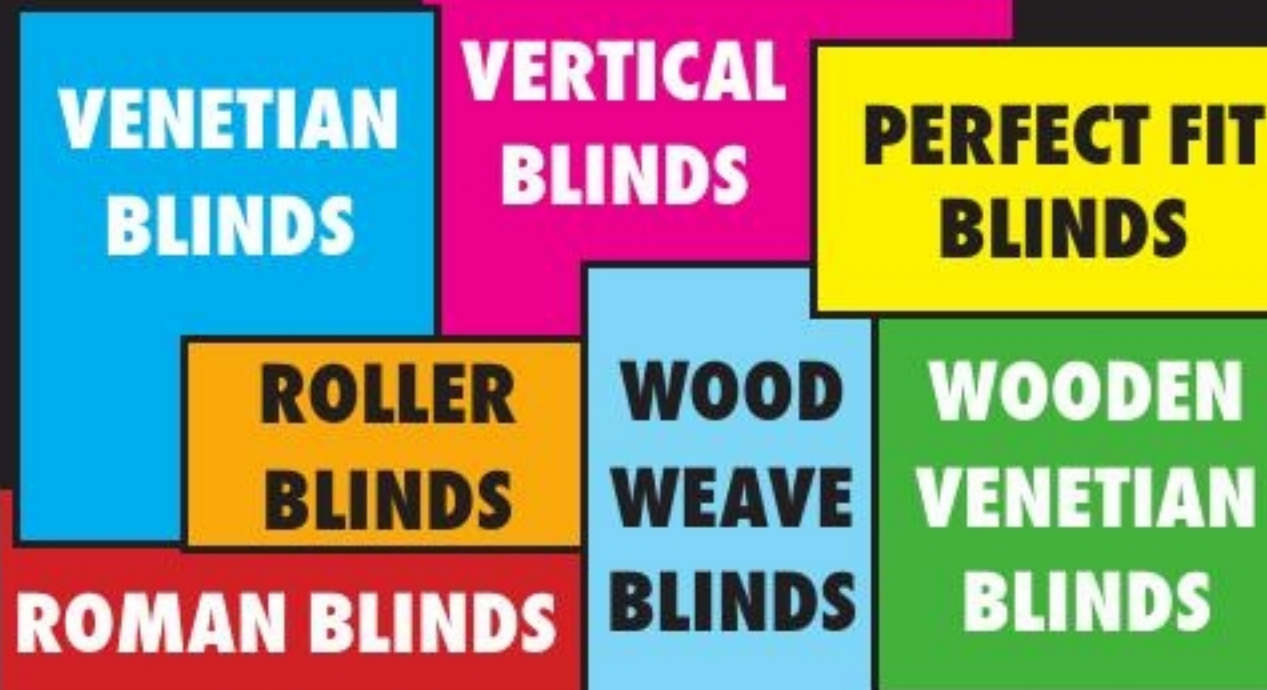
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A £3.5MILLION scheme to resurface the A420 at Shrivenham will start later this month, with diversions set to send traffic through the village.

The road will be completely closed between Watchfield Roundabout and Lower Bourton Junction until September.

Oxfordshire County Council is carrying out the work to improve the road surface and maintain the drainage and safety barriers, and has pledged that crews will work extra shifts to ensure it is completed as fast as possible.

But disruption is expected as local traffic is diverted through Shrivenham High Street, with Oxford bound traffic directed along Faringdon Road.

All traffic heading towards Swindon will be diverted via Majors Road and Longcot Road.

David Nimmo Smith, the council's cabinet member for transport, said: "This section of the A420 is failing rapidly and needs to be reconstructed."

"It's a big job, but one that needs to be done. All road users will be affected by the work and severe delays are to be expected."

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"However I am sure that the short term pain will be worth the long term gain as the road should not need further repairs for many years."

"We will have staff working during the week, at weekends and sometimes at night to get the job done as quickly as possible."

"We have been in regular contact with the parish council and everyone is being asked to review their daily journey route, mode of transport and time of travel and where possible consider alternatives."

Preparatory work will be taking place on the road on Monday, with off-peak traffic restrictions in place while this is carried out.

Access to properties and businesses on the affected stretch of the A420 will be maintained, and measures will be in place to prevent heavy goods vehicles using unsuitable local roads.



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Officers raise £4,000 for charity

A TEAM of runners from RAF Brize Norton have completed a 184-mile journey along the River Thames to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Six runners ran in six mile stints from the source of the river at Kemble, in Gloucestershire, to the Thames Barrier in London on June 26 and 27.

They have raised more than £4,000 so far, and hope to add another thousand through sponsorships and bucket collections.

One of the runners, Cpl Stuart Goodhall, said: "This really was a bit of a marathon challenge for our team."

"Fatigue was definitely a factor, but it was fantastic to see the Thames Barrier draw closer and know what we had accomplished for charity."

"We chose the RAF Benevolent Fund as one of our benefitting charities because we wanted to include an RAF charity. The Fund does excellent work supporting serving and ex-serving members of

the RAF and their families, providing them with a range of help."

As well as the Benevolent Fund, money will also go to sporting charity KEEN Oxford, and aviation charity Fly2help.

Mike Neville, director of fundraising at the RAF Benevolent Fund, said: "Without the funds raised by our supporters, we could not deliver the wide range of services we do."

• The six runners and their support crew

News Bites

Fox recovery

BANBURY: A fox was found trapped down a concrete tank in a sewage works in Oxfordshire.

The animal was seen by workers at the Thames Water Spital Farm works in Thorpe Mead, Banbury on June 30 and was luckily unhurt, despite dropping 20 feet into the pit.

Purse snatched

ABINGDON: A young woman had her purse snatched in Abingdon by a man who approached her asking to borrow 20 pence.

The 20-year-old victim was asked for the money on the corner of Gainsborough Green and Reynolds Way at 3.40pm on Tuesday, July 1.

When the woman took out her purse the offender snatched it and fled in the direction of Saxton Road.

Call 101 with information.

City assault

OXFORD: A man was seriously assaulted in Oxford on Tuesday night.

The 25-year-old was in the Simpli Fresh grocery shop on Cowley Road when another man called him outside at about 9.10pm and attacked him.

A third person intervened and the offender fled the scene.

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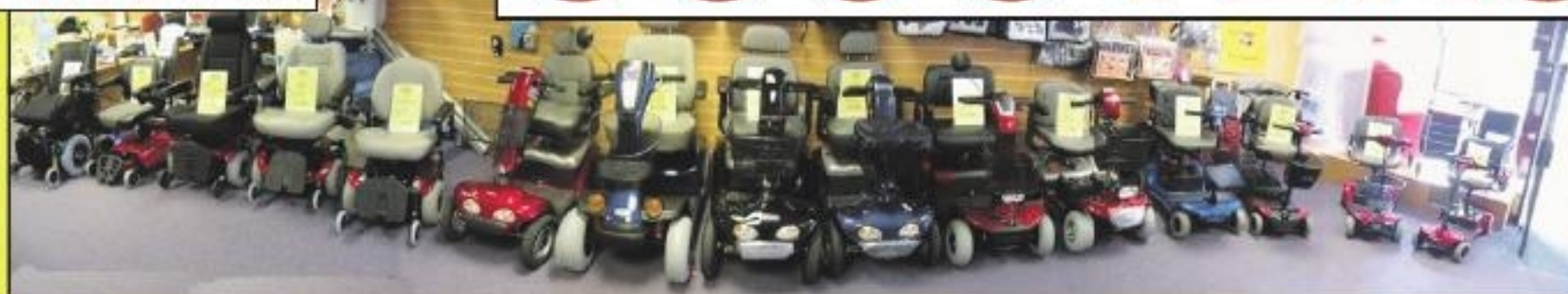
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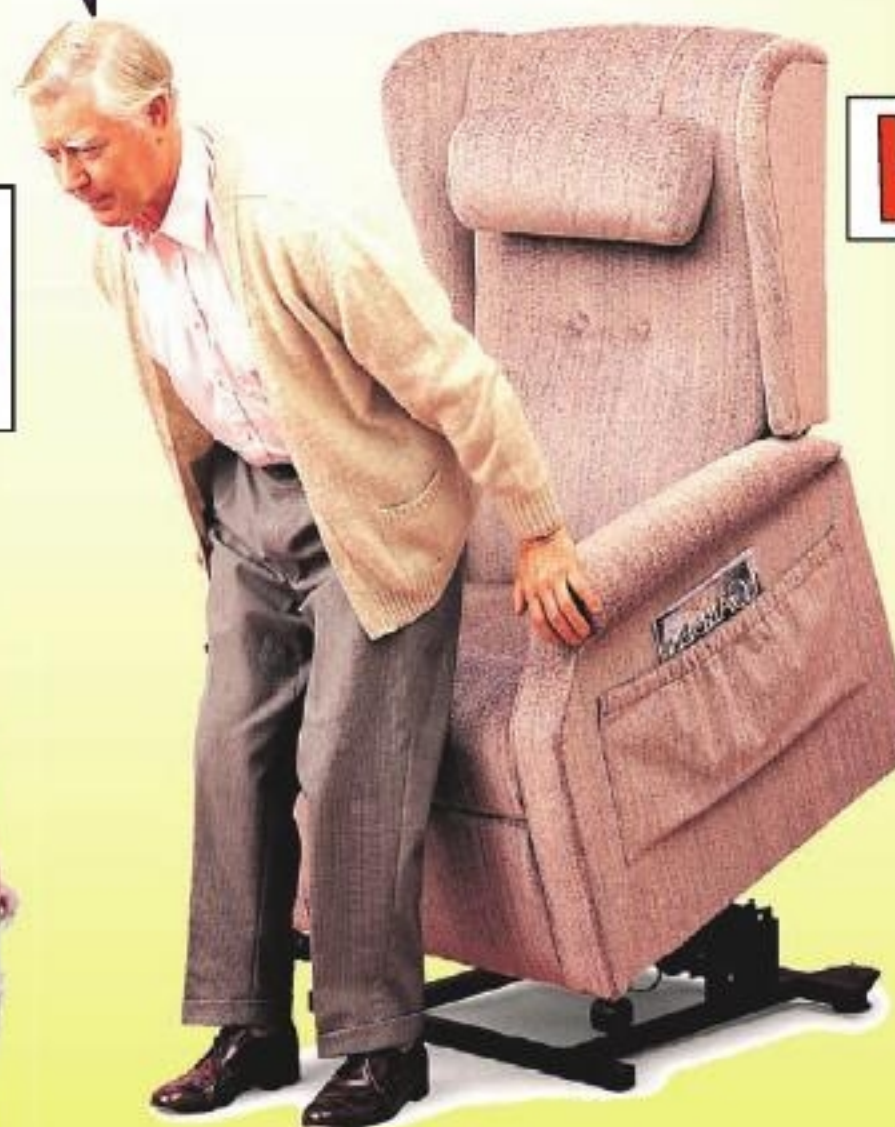


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Ellie-Beth raises hundreds for charity after walking challenge

A FOUR-year-old girl from Bicester has raised more than £400 for Diabetes UK after completing a six lap walk of University Park.

Ellie-Beth Collins was raising money for the charity in honour of her Uncle John and her granddad, who live with diabetes.

She walked six circuits of the course, which amounted to just

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over six miles, at the fundraising event on June 22.

Her total raised stands at just over £432 as the Guardian went to press last night, and Ellie is hoping to still raise a bit more yet.

"My Uncle John has had diabetes for 35 years and I want to raise money for this important charity to show him how much I love him - he's my prince!" said Ellie.

"My granddad also has diabetes but not the same kind, his is type two. He is also very special to me, and I love him too."

"I did this walk last year with my uncles, aunts and mummy and I did very well, but I didn't get sponsored as I was too late to register."

The walk was one of a number of events taking place around the country, aimed at helping people to be more physically active and to live a healthier lifestyle.

Lewis Honeywill, Diabetes UK regional fundraiser for the South East region, said: "I would like to say a big thank you not only to Ellie, who raised an amazing amount, but to all the dedicated fundraisers who took part in the Walk for Diabetes event in Oxford."

"All the money raised will help us to campaign to improve local services for people living with diabetes and get information and support to the people that need it."

"It will make life better for the 37,000 people living with diabetes in Oxfordshire."

To donate to Ellie, go to her fundraising page: justgiving.com/elliebethcollins.



• Ellie-Beth Collins completed a six-mile walk to raise money for Diabetes UK

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I WAS struck by how totally at odds were those who do not want us to give any more international aid and the vast numbers of school children in the constituency who have been campaigning for us to give more to help send young people to school across the globe.

The difference was brought home to me a week or so ago when I visited St Andrew's School in Chinnor.

I attended a school assembly and received numerous wall hangings that the children had put together which I was asked to pass on to the Prime Minister. The hangings send a powerful visual message urging us to help send disabled children to school.

Around the world, there are still some 57 million children who do not go to school, about a third of whom have a disability. The extension of learning and basic education across the globe has to be a good thing and one which adds to our own sense of security.

That is why to those who tell me that the aid budget is

a waste of money, I say you need to stop and think again. In the last four years we have thoroughly reformed to whom we give money and for what.

In Bangladesh, for example, our Government aims to transform the lives of millions of poor Bangladeshis through programmes which contribute directly to our key objectives around security and prosperity. In 2012-13, education accounted for over 20 per cent of our spend in the country.

It was beaten only by the amount spent on wealth creation. The education spend has helped 500,000 girls and boys to complete primary education and to improve teaching quality.

International development is in our national interest and is both the right thing and the smart thing to do. UK investment overseas has transformed the lives of millions for the better and, by investing in jobs, opportunities and peace, we have moved one step closer to ending aid dependency and creating the world we strive for.

News Bites

College re-launch

BICESTER: A community college could be set for a re-launch as an academy in 2015.

Bicester Community College was recently removed from special measures by Ofsted and announced Activate Learning as an academy partner last week.

Activate Learning, previously Oxford & Cherwell Valley Group, were chosen by the school's interim Executive Board.

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A Cherwell Link Card is available to eligible residents to access gyms and swimming pools owned by the council.

Publishing funds

OXON: A group of publishers in Oxfordshire have been awarded £150,000 as part of an initiative that sees government and employers co-invest in skills training.

It has been given to the Oxfordshire Publishing Cluster Group, and will go towards developing training courses for people in the industry.

They will also work closely with local schools to help improve literacy with the funding.

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Night at Le Manoir

MICHELIN-STARRED chef Raymond Blanc hosts a free evening of fine dining and live music at his Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons restaurant in Great Milton this month.

As part of a 'Very Special Night', Raymond is teaming up with Welsh soprano Katherine Jenkins to stage the evening on July 25.

Katherine will perform in the restaurant's La Belle Époque conservatory, before a four-course dinner and a cognac masterclass.

And those attending will enjoy the experience for free, having been successful in applying for tickets over the last month.

"It has to be very special," said Raymond. "Le Manoir will be at its best at this time of year, as it is absolutely adorned in lavender."

"We have food, music, friends sat around the table, and cognac of course, celebrating life and one's health, and we are very much looking forward to the evening."

"And Katherine is such a lovely person. We were meant to do a duet together, so maybe we'll do something impromptu after much cognac being drunk!"

Raymond has lived in Oxfordshire for more than 35 years, having come to the county from France to work as a waiter at the Rose Revived at Newbridge, near Witney.

He has since gone on to run the Brasserie Blancs across the country along with Le Manoir, as well as becoming one of the most well-known chefs in the UK.

"Oxford is my second home," Raymond said.

"I have a tremendous amount of love for this city, and England as well has been wonderful."

"It's got some of the best theatres now, the best orchestra in the Oxford Philomusica, and there's very good food in Oxford as well."

"I think we've got it all, and I feel it's right."

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It's showtime

AWARD-WINNING performing arts group Dance Connection is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a show at Didcot's Cornerstone theatre from today.

Its cast of more than 100 young dancers will perform their fast-moving and high energy routines on stage in four shows between this evening and Saturday.

Twelfth Night

SHAKESPEARE'S classic comedic play Twelfth Night, telling the story of the land Illyria, comes to Oxford's Old Fire Station tomorrow and Saturday.

Performed by MadCap Theatre, Twelfth Night sees a girl dressing up as a boy to serve a duke, before getting involved in a confusing love triangle.

Doors open for both shows at 7.15pm.

Picture display

AN EXHIBITION of photos documenting a woman's experiences of Buenos Aires goes on display at the Chipping Norton Theatre from Tuesday.

Sarah Terry worked with strangers portraying the charm of the unknown.

The free exhibition runs until September 1.

A circus with a twist

GIFFORDS Circus' tour around Oxfordshire comes to a close this weekend, with the final shows at Oxford University Parks today, tomorrow and Saturday.

This year's show, called 'The Thunders', has been exploring the magic of the ancient world, inspired mainly by

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Greek mythology.

It has been at Blenheim Palace, Waterperry Gardens and Stadhampton in recent weeks, and set up at its University Parks base last Thursday.

Dr Llewelyn Morgan, an associate professor in classical language and literature at the University of Oxford, was asked by circus founder Nell Gifford for advice to make sure the show is classically authentic.

"I was chuffed to be asked to advise on this year's Giffords Circus show," he said.

"I think that the circus is a fascinating place to stage and show the Greek myths."

"The Thunders' captures perfectly an aspect of ancient storytelling we classicists don't appreciate enough – it's humour and anarchic energy."

This show is being directed by Cal McCrystal, who is famed for his work with The Amazing Spider-Man 2, The Mighty Boosh, and Broadway smash hit One Man, Two Guvnors.

Giffords Circus was established in 2000 by Nell and Toti, and it is renowned for its style of fusing together circus and theatre.

Over the past 14 years, they have used dance, comedy, acrobatics, juggling, live music and farmyard animals in their tours.

Their signature burgundy and gold showman's wagon and giant tent have become synonymous with the group, and regularly feature in their shows across southern England.

Shows today start at 11am, 5pm and 7.30pm, before two more shows tomorrow at 5pm and 7.30pm, and the final performances on Saturday at 12noon and 3pm.

For more information or to book tickets, go to giffordscircus.com.

• Giffords Circus is at Oxford University Parks until Saturday



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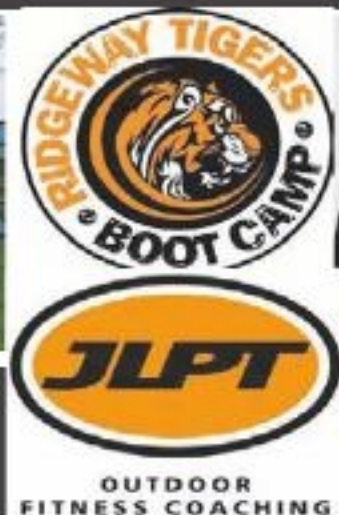
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Country born

THE story of a boy born on the day Bangladesh became a new nation will be told at the Burton Taylor Studio today and tomorrow.

It uses storytelling, theatre, live music, dance and humour to document Bangladesh's heritage.

Both shows take place at 7.30pm, and more details can be found at oxfordplayhouse.com.

New bands

PEGASUS Theatre's latest show in a series of young bands gigs takes place at the Oxford venue on Saturday.

Run in collaboration with the Oxfordshire Music Education Partnership, it will include music from Rockschoool, The iROX project and Young Women's Music Project.

It starts at 7pm, and tickets can be booked at pegasustheatre.org.uk.

Comedy show

STAND-UP comic Andrew Lawrence brings his new show 'Reasons to Kill Yourself' to Henley's Kenton Theatre on Saturday.

Andrew is known for appearances on Live At The Apollo and Stand Up For The Week, and while his latest offering isn't particularly upbeat, it still promises to be funny.

The show begins at 8am.

Art of war-torn lands



WAR artists are presenting their work at Waterperry Gardens from next Thursday, as part of an exhibition marking the centenary of the First World War.

Douglas Farthing, Graeme Lothian, Andrew Miller and David Rowlands are among those taking part in Art in Action, which is offering visitors the chance to experience the process of creating a war painting at close range.

Twenty-two years of military service has helped shaped Douglas' work, with his passion for art intensifying in 2001 when he was in Macedonia.

"I visited a school which had been destroyed by the war, where children's drawings were stuck on the walls," he said.

"There were murals of fighting and tanks entering the village. It all seemed to fit together – the power of art in war described by the children on the walls of their school."

Graeme prides himself on being a self-taught painter, and believes that war art "has a resonance that you just can't capture with photography".

He added: "You will have seen count-

less photographs of the war in Afghanistan, but how many can you actually remember?

"A painting captures something that photography can't."

Andrew began his art career by painting landscapes, but was encouraged by a Royal Marine into attempting war art.

He said: "It is a thrilling experience being on the front line – you are always aware of how vulnerable you are but that makes it more exciting."

David has travelled repeatedly to Northern Ireland in the 1980s and 1990s, documenting the individuals in war rather than war itself.

"Whilst a photograph may have the advantage of veracious immediacy, painting can fulfil all the requirements of a patron. A photograph couldn't capture everything."

Lectures and classes will also be held during the four days of Art in Action, running from July 17 to 20.

For more information about the show, go to artinaction.org.uk.

• A piece by Andrew Miller, who is attending Art in Action next week

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players Tommy Emmanuel and Bireli Lagrene amongst others. An acclaimed performer, Stuart has gone on to share the stage with many of the world's greatest acoustic guitarists including Martin Taylor MBE, Eric Roche, Thomas Leeb and Jon Gomm, all of whom he is proud to count as friends. Several of Stuart's previous students have also gone on to become prominent players themselves such as Youtube sensation Mike Dawes and 'Acoustic Guitarist of the Year 2011' Will McNicol. Stuart's music has also ended up in some unlikely places - Lamb vocalist/songwriter Lou Rhodes was so impressed with

Stuart's study pieces that she used one of them in her track 'Rounds' from Lamb's 2011 album '5.' <http://www.musicatthebarn.org/>

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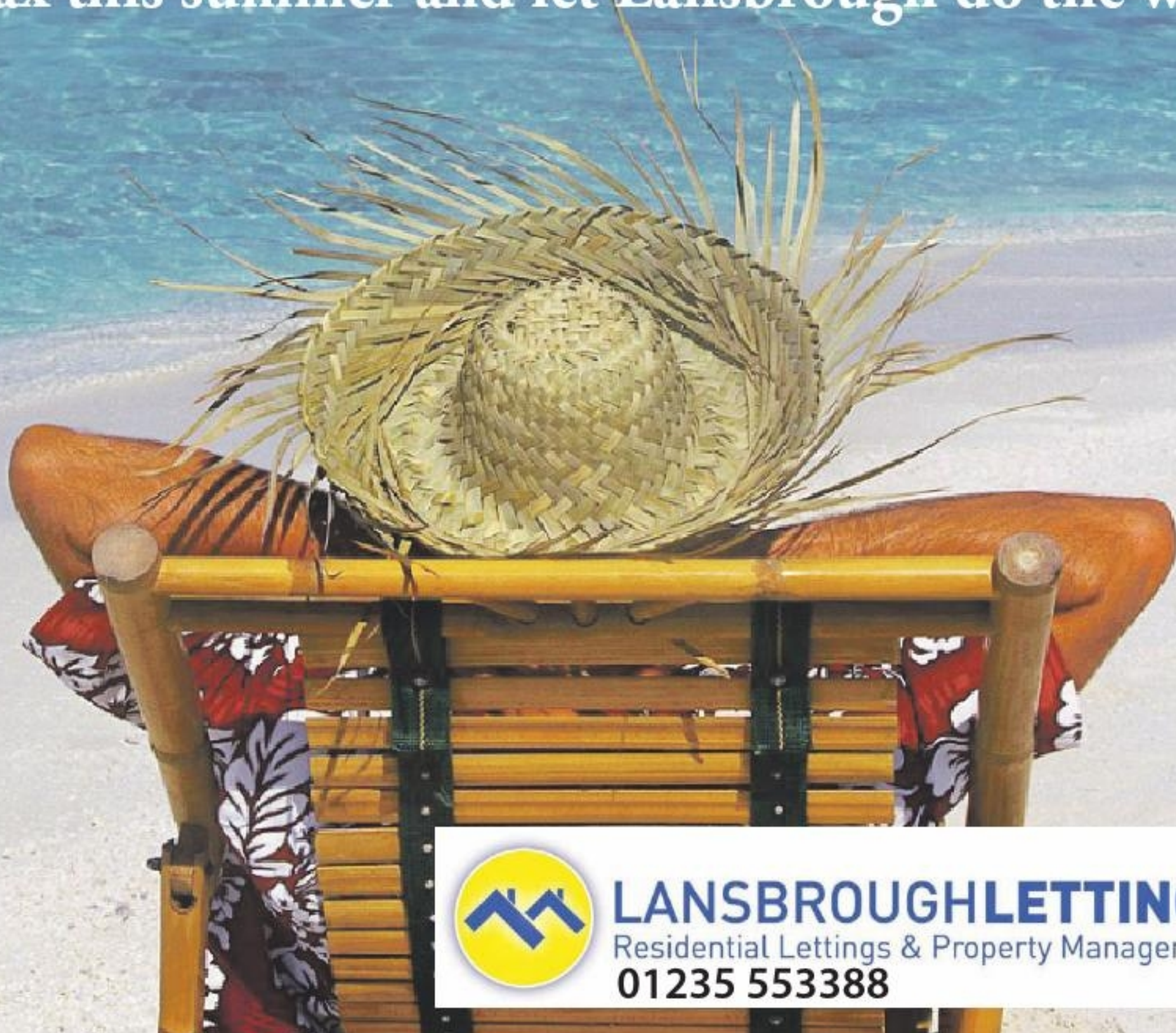


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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Considered (11)
- 9 Freeze (3)
- 10 Carry (9)
- 11 Sea bottom (5)
- 13 Adolescent (7)
- 14 Spurn (6)
- 16 Inquiring (6)
- 18 Town in Cyprus (7)
- 19 Blood sucker (5)
- 20 Obviously (9)
- 21 Moral lapse (3)
- 22 Place for personal advertisements (5,6)

Quick Clues Down

- 2 Look at (3)
- 3 Bury (5)
- 4 Extorts (6)
- 5 Replies (7)
- 6 Recalling memories (9)
- 7 Dissimilarities (11)
- 8 Makes firmer (11)
- 12 Disapproving (9)
- 15 Water tank (7)
- 17 Milky (6)
- 19 Faithful (5)
- 21 Total (3)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 The reliability of what can be eaten on credit? (11)
- 9 That is including a century in a cold state (3)
- 10 At no future time, according to the raven (9)
- 11 To tease us in return is sweet (5)
- 13 Those who are willing to reveal all? (7)
- 14 One who dines after noon initially is tidier (6)
- 16 One way I can change my mood (6)
- 18 Guess that the likeness will take in (7)
- 19 It's more genuine to be faithful to what is right (5)
- 20 How a Latin son could join the citizens (9)
- 21 Be critical of the god (3)
- 22 Making a fresh judgement about how the fools sing? (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 2 There's grass in every English county (3)
- 3 One who gives a way in round the new head (5)
- 4 Stolid six in part of the skeleton (6)
- 5 Almost entice without effort in a sensational way (7)
- 6 The outfit of the philosopher after a theoretical start? (9)
- 7 Quarrels about putting different sons in sides (11)
- 8 Bring the dismissals to a halt and stop fighting (5,6)
- 12 Give a pledge beforehand and argue out the surroundings (9)
- 15 Men who periodically have a policy (7)
- 17 Argue if it will be back in time (6)
- 19 In short it inquires for jobs (5)
- 21 A church following could turn this use of words into a blow (3)

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Scribble space

This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Deliberately 9 Ice 10 Transport 11 Floor
13 Teenage 14 Reject 15 Asking 18 Nicosia 19 Leech
20 Evidently 21 Sin 22 Agony column
Down: 2 Eye 3 Inter 4 Exacts 5 Answers 6 Evocative
7 Differences 8 Strengthens 12 Objecting 15 Cistern
17 Lactic 19 Loyal 21 Sum

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Credibility 9 Ice 10 Neve more 11 Sugar 13 Nudists
14 Neater 16 Myself 18 Imagine 19 Truer 20 Nationals 21 Pan
22 Reassessing
Down: 2 Rye 3 Donor 4 Borne 5 Lundy 6 Trouseau
7 Dissensions 8 Cease firing 12 Guarantee 15 Editors
17 Debate 19 Tasks 21 Fun



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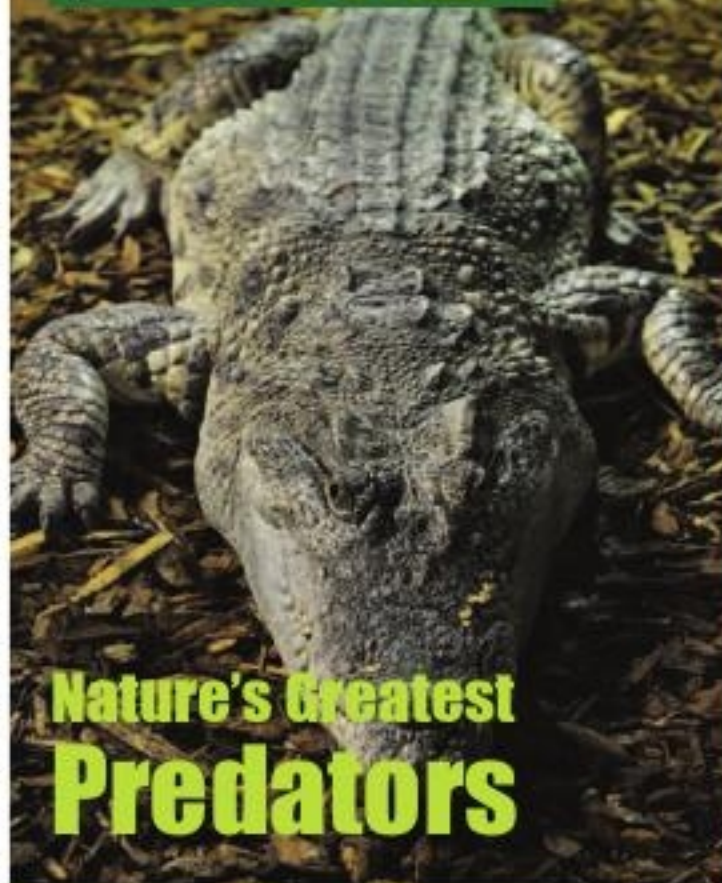
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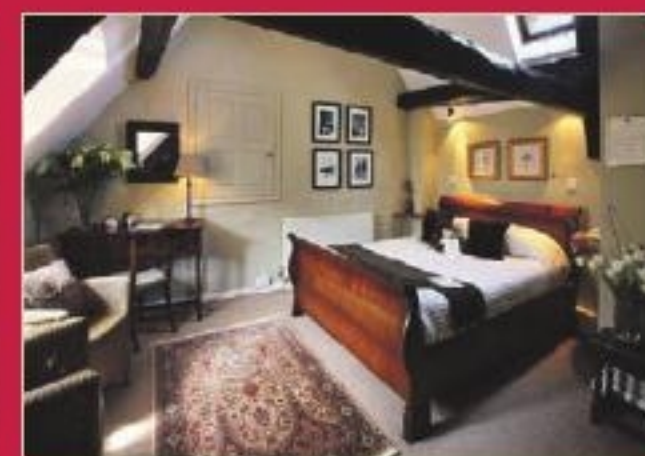
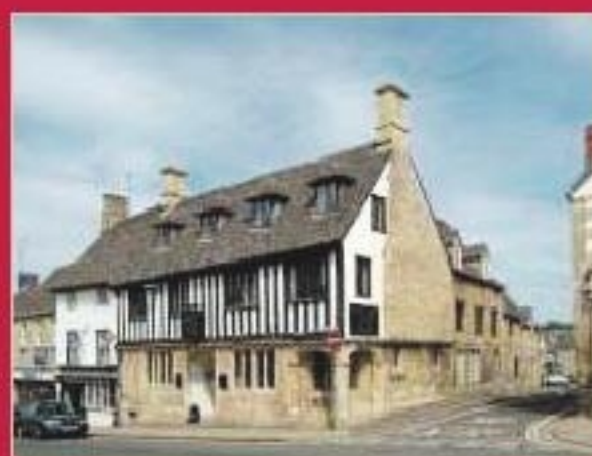
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Simply Vauxhall is back

FOR the second year in a row, petrol heads will be spoiled as Simply Vauxhall rolls in to the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu, Hampshire, on Sunday, July 27.

The event promises to be a fantastic opportunity for Vauxhall lovers of all ages to appreciate the British car manufacturers work since its foundation in 1857.

The all-day event will be jam packed with attractions for everyone to enjoy, as Beaulieu host the second ever event.

It features the National Motor Museum, World of Top Gear, On Screen Cars, Beaulieu Abbey and Palace House and gardens.

Along with the attractions that will take place, several car clubs have already confirmed their attendance at the rally, including the VXR Owners' Club, Vauxhall Cavalier Mk3 Owners' Club and Vauxhall Drivers' Club.

In addition to all the attractions and features, visitors who will attend the event will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite vehicle in the People's Choice Awards.

By James Richings

The owner of the winning car will receive a Beaulieu Trophy in an afternoon presentation ceremony and will lead a cavalcade of Vauxhalls through the attraction grounds.

For entrants arriving in a Vauxhall and joining the event on the Beaulieu parkland, entry prices for adults is £10 and for children £5.

Visitors can buy on the day or book in advance at beaulieushop.co.uk or on ticket hotline 01590 612888.

Event tickets include entry to the whole Beaulieu attraction.

Entry into the Beaulieu parkland with your Vauxhall is from 9.30am.

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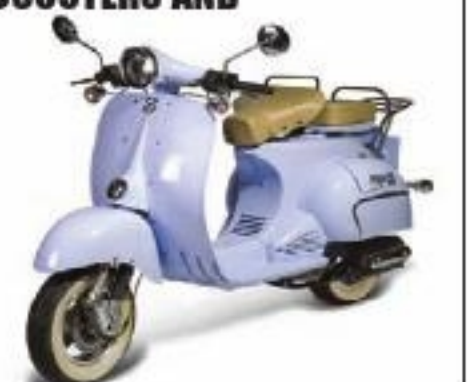
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Welsh to play Exeter in televised opener

LONDON Welsh seek to kick-off their Aviva Premiership campaign in style when they begin their season against Exeter Chiefs at the Kassam Stadium on September 7.

And there will be an extra incentive for the Exiles as the game will be shown live on BT Sport.

The Dragons will also face Bath, Sale Sharks and Gloucester Rugby during the opening month of the season.

Head coach Justin Burnell said he is delighted to be at home for the first game, but is wary of the challenge his newly promoted side faces in the top-flight of English rugby.

"It will be a great opportunity to show the people of Oxford what the Premiership is all about and hopefully we can get a good crowd in and get the stadium bouncing," he said.

"But we're under no illusions as to the size of the task ahead of us this season.

"We have to be realistic and for us to maintain our place in the Premiership we have to be targeting two wins from our first six games, and a minimum of five wins in all."

The Exiles won promotion back

By Jack Johnson

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to the Premiership after beating Bristol in the Greene King IPA Championship play-off final in June.

And Burnell wants to ensure the same work ethic that earned Welsh promotion is replicated this season.

"We thrived last year on the fact that there was only ever one club (Bristol) that was supposed to win the Championship," he said.

"We're very passionate about London Welsh and we loved being knocked. We thrive on that."

"We don't claim to be world beaters but what we will produce is a tremendous attitude."

"If we get beaten on the day by a better team with better players then that's life, but it certainly won't be for a lack of trying."

With champions Northampton Saints, Saracens and Leicester Tigers all in store for the Exiles this season, Burnell hopes he and his players can thrive when pitting their wits against the best in the country.

He said: "The biggest thing



• Justin Burnell is looking forward to the start of the new season (Picture by Martin John)

that drives you as a player or as a coach is that you want to pit yourself against the best.

He added: "As a coach you're competing against some of the best coaches in the world and that's where technical and tactical knowledge has to come to the fore."

Aussie player McCaffrey is the latest signing for London Welsh

LACHLAN McCaffrey has become the latest player to become a part of London Welsh's Aviva Premiership aspirations after joining the club earlier this week.

The 24-year-old Australian joins from Super Rugby side Brumbies after impressing head coach Justin Burnell at the recent Club 10s competition in Singapore.

McCaffrey, a back row forward, has also played for the Waratahs in the Super Rugby and Burnell is delighted to have the Liverpool-born Australian on board.

He said: "Lachlan caught our attention at the Club 10s in Singapore when he was part of the Brumbies squad."

"I had the opportunity to meet him first hand and have a look at him play, and he really impressed me."

"He's EQP (an English Qualified Player) and that's very important, but he's also got an excellent and proven pedigree in Super 15 rugby."

"He's a typical ball playing Australian forward - he's got a brilliant skill set."



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Smith heads to Germany in hope of ending the first half of the season on a high

OXFORD'S Bradley Smith is hoping a good result in the German Grand Prix this weekend will make for an enjoyable summer break.

The 23-year-old, who is currently 10th in the MotoGP standings, finished eighth in the Dutch GP a fortnight ago and has been unable to live up to his top-five expectations so far this year.

Smith finished sixth at the Sachsenring last year and after setting consistently good times towards the end of the last round in Assen, he heads to Germany in a positive mood.

"I really want to finish the first half of the season on a high," said the Monster Yamaha Tech 3 rider.

"On paper eighth in Assen may not look great but I set the third fastest lap of the race and generally had a really good pace throughout the weekend."

"We take those positives into Germany where a good result will make the summer break a lot happier."

Spaniard Marc Marquez leads the standings by 72 points, having won all eight rounds of the championship so far, from Valentino Rossi and Dani Pedrosa.

• Bradley Smith (Picture courtesy of Tech 3)



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Appleton wants to strengthen squad

MICHAEL Appleton says he wants to see Oxford United players "express themselves" in a yellow shirt.

The 38-year-old replaced Gary Waddock as head coach last Friday and began his new job this week after being appointed by new chairman Darryl Eales and chief executive Mike Ashton.

Appleton, who in his short managerial career has taken charge of Portsmouth, Blackpool and Blackburn Rovers, will take charge for the first time this Saturday in a pre-season friendly against Farnborough.

And just hours into his new job, Appleton, who was also temporarily in charge of West Bromwich Albion in 2011, threw down the gauntlet for his players.

"I want to see players who can express themselves," he told the club, "I am a sucker for a good footballer."

"I am mindful that we need to do what we need to do to win games of football, I understand that, but I do like to play a certain way, I do like to entertain people."

By Jack Johnson

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"If you can get the balance right, play at the right moments in the right areas then obviously that's going to make me happy."

With United's first pre-season game just 48 hours away, the former Manchester United trainee is keen to see what the current squad has got to offer, in particular the younger players.

"I am just really looking forward to getting on the grass, that's the most important part of the job, having a look at the players and seeing where we are at," he said.

"I certainly know, and enough people have told me, that there's a good bunch of young players that are coming through so it will be a good opportunity for me to have a good look at them over the pre-season period."

"Until the games start we don't really see a balance of where the squad is going to go and the

strengths and weaknesses of certain players, but I think once the games start I will get a feel of who can do what in what areas of the field."

Appleton also added that he will be working hard to strengthen the squad before United begin their Sky Bet League Two campaign on August 9 at home to Burton Albion.

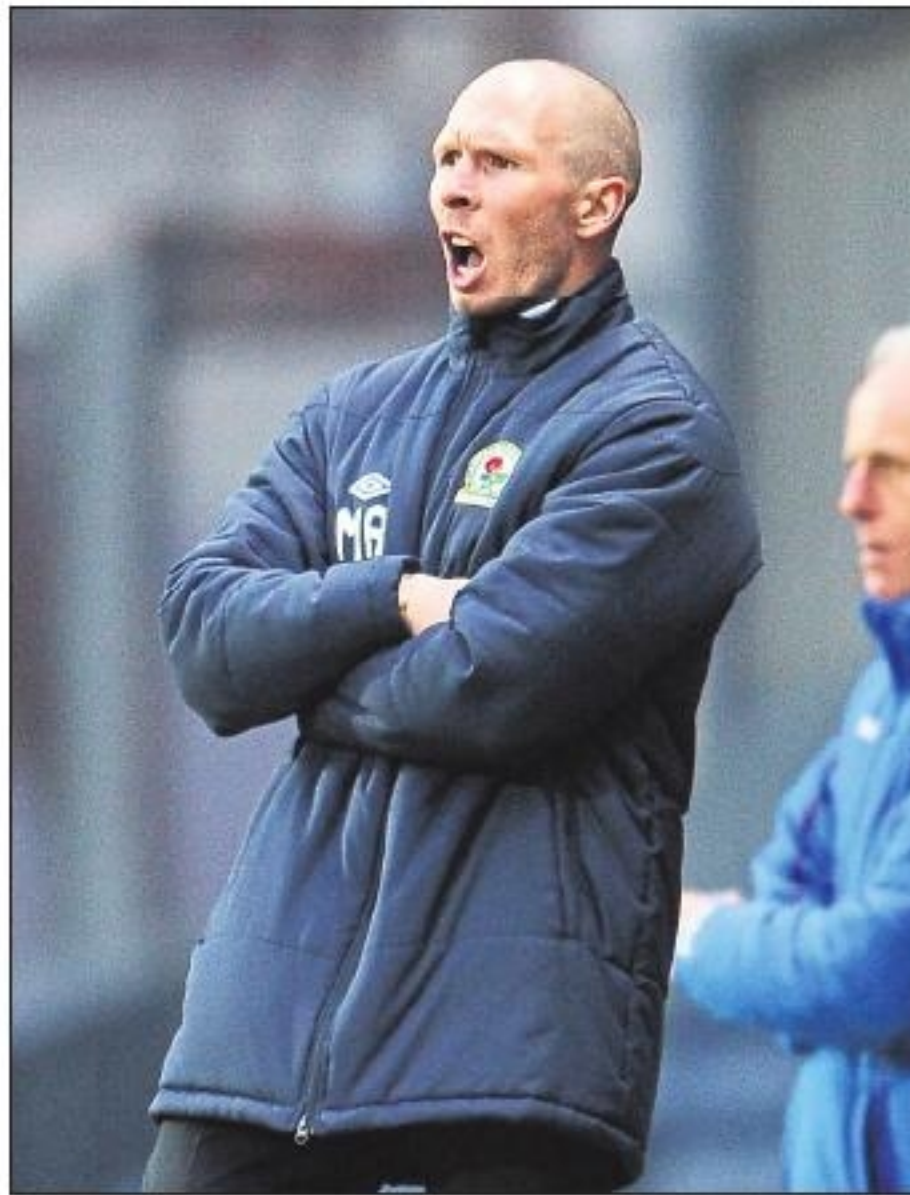
He said: "It is something that we are going to try and address as quickly as we possibly can."

"We're a few days away from the first pre-season game, we're aware of that, and that game on August 9 against Burton will come around really quickly."

"I'd like to think, before that time, that we will certainly have a stronger squad than what we have at this moment in time."

See page 5 for the full story on the changes in United's boardroom.

• Michael Appleton during his spell as manager of Blackburn Rovers (Picture courtesy of Blackburn Rovers)



Sport Bites

Eddie misses cut

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell endured a tough week at the French Open, as he missed the cut to finish in a tie for 87th.

A level par round of 71 got Pepperell's tournament off to a solid start, but his work was undone with a six-over 76 on the Friday.

He has missed two cuts in the last three competitions he has entered, but had made the weekend for the previous four.

Win for Oxford

OXFORD Rugby League won their first game since May on Saturday, with a 36-16 victory over South Wales Scorpions.

They had lost six games in a row before this weekend, with their last win also coming against the Scorpions on May 18.

Oxford are seventh in the Championship 1 standings with 16 points, four behind sixth-placed Gateshead.

New signings

OXFORD Saints have brought in five new recruits for the remainder of the 2014 season.

Thomas Beauchamp, Ryan Kingshott, Ian Harry, Misha Brooks and Mathew Wheeldon all join the squad for the final three games of the season.

After winning their first four matches, Saints have lost the following three and hope to turn their fortunes around against Sandwell Steelers on July 20.

City to face Hyde in their season opener

THE fixture list for the Conference North has been revealed, which sees Oxford City making the trip to Hyde for their first game on August 9.

Hyde were relegated from the Conference Premier last season, after they could only score 10 points from their 46 games.

Home games against Worcester City and Chorley follow for Oxford, with matches against Solihull Moors, Gloucester City and Harrogate Town taking them to the end of August.

They are away to Leamington on Boxing Day, with the reverse fixture happening on New Year's Day.

And City end the season with a home match versus Guiseley on April 25.

Oxford begin their FA Cup campaign on September 27 in the second qualifying round, while the FA Trophy third qualifying round is scheduled for November 29.

City are currently preparing for their first pre-season match, which sees them host Oxford United next Tuesday at 7.45pm.

Matches against Wantage Town, Didcot Town, Chippenham Town, Ardley United and Dunstable Town follow before they start their season proper.



Beano gets a brace with his new club

FORMER Oxford United striker James Constable said he wishes his former club "all the best" this season as he began pre-season with his new club Eastleigh earlier this week.

Constable scored twice in a 3-0 win over Didcot Town on Monday night and was pleased to see quite a few Oxford fans among the 236 supporters at the Loop Meadow Stadium.

"It's nice," he said. "I had a great time there and the fans were fantastic during the time I was there."

"I wish them all the best for next season and hopefully we (Eastleigh and Oxford) can both

do well."

Constable was not the only former Oxford player on show as Jack Midson and Yemi Odubade are also on the books at Eastleigh.

The 29-year-old said he has enjoyed linking up with old teammate Midson, after the pair helped Oxford to promotion from the Conference in 2010.

He said: "We haven't seen too much of each other so it's nice. "The fact that we have been together at another club probably makes it easier to come in and play games because you have already got a little bit of an understanding."

Career-best result for Sean in Hungary

CHIPPING Norton racer Sean Walkinshaw recorded his career-best finish at the Hungaroring at the weekend, with fifth place in the EuroFormula Open.

The 20-year-old had a sensational qualifying session which put him on the second row of the grid for race one, giving him the opportunity to challenge at the front.

Race two was a little more challenging as Sean struggled with the flu, but he still managed to bring his car home in the points with 10th place.

"Overall I was pretty happy with the weekend and it was obviously great to get my best result of the

season," said Walkinshaw.

"I'm glad every weekend we are getting stronger and stronger, and finishing higher and higher up the order."

"Hopefully we can continue that momentum at Silverstone."

Walkinshaw currently sits equal 11th in the standings after eight rounds with 24 points, two behind 10th-placed Gerardo Nieto.

The next race of the season takes place at Silverstone between July 18 and 20.

• Sean Walkinshaw was fifth in Hungary (Picture courtesy of EuroFormula Open)



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DIDDY IMPRESS IN TOUGH CLASH

Concannon praises players despite loss to non-league high fliers Eastleigh

IAN Concannon was delighted with his Didcot Town players in their opening pre-season game on Monday night, despite a 3-0 defeat to Conference side Eastleigh at the Loop Meadow Stadium.

Former Oxford United strikers James Constable (2) and Yemi Odubade were on the scoresheet for the Spitfires, but the scoreline failed to reflect a positive Didcot performance.

New signings Matt Clarke, Ryan Brooks and Luke Abrahart all started for the Railwaymen, who never looked out of place against a side who are three leagues above them.

Their efforts warranted a goal, but Brooks was denied in the first half by Ross Flitney while Luke Carnell and Pablo Haysham both went close.

Joint manager Concannon said: "For a first 90 minutes for two-and-a-half months the overriding reaction is that it was a very good performance."

Twenty-two players featured in Monday's friendly and Concannon was pleased with the entire squad.

"Everybody played well," he said.

"The two teams in the first and second half were trying to do the right things, trying to play, that's the way we want to go about our

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business this season.

"If we can keep the ball well and if we can produce performances like that throughout the season then we will win far more games than we lose.

"That was only a glimpse of what's expected and we will put pressure on the players to deliver and long may it continue."

Concannon was also pleased with his team's fitness levels after only five training sessions and one match.

"I won't lie - pre-season has been tough, but it's not supposed to be a walk in the park," he said.

"I thought the fitness overall looked good, I didn't think anybody was blowing at all.

"We're not at our peak yet but we've got a month to go, we'll still be working on lots of things and I was pleased with the general fitness."

Meanwhile, last season's top scorer John Mills has re-signed for the club and James Organ, Conner Harris and Jack Self have put pen to paper.

Didcot's next friendly is tomorrow night when they make the short trip to Hellenic Premier Division side Highworth Town.



• Sam Parish (right) and Luke Carnell do their utmost to prevent Ben Wright having an attempt on goal (Picture by Tim Johnson)

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